

Table 1.1

U.S. Courts of Appeals. Appeals Filed by Type of Appeal and Originating Agency (Excludes Federal Circuit)

		Appeals From District Court										Other Appeals From:		
Fiscal Year	Total Appeals (1)	Civil Appeals							Criminal Appeals					
		Total	Prisoner Petitions			Other Civil			Total	Drugs	Other Criminal	Administrative Agency	Bankruptcy	Original Proceedings*
			Total	U.S.	Private	Total	U.S.	Private						
1988	38,345	26,934	9,340	1,997	7,343	17,594	4,267	13,327	6,436	3,234	3,202	3,113	1,214	648
1989	39,927	26,997	9,641	2,118	7,523	17,356	4,354	13,002	8,399	4,742	3,657	2,794	1,100	637
1990	40,893	26,980	10,003	2,254	7,749	16,977	4,245	12,732	9,642	5,713	3,929	2,558	1,107	606
1991	43,027	28,033	10,932	2,482	8,450	17,101	4,370	12,731	10,249	5,700	4,549	2,859	1,277	609
1992	47,013	30,328	11,847	2,575	9,272	18,481	4,562	13,919	11,215	5,936	5,279	3,235	1,637	598
1993	50,224	32,374	12,787	2,923	9,864	19,587	4,935	14,652	11,862	5,900	5,962	3,928	1,388	672
1994	48,322	32,309	13,061	2,951	10,110	19,248	4,582	14,666	10,674	5,104	5,570	3,369	1,382	588
1995	50,072	34,203	14,985	3,459	11,526	19,218	4,460	14,758	10,162	4,499	5,663	3,295	1,667	745
1996	51,991	36,137	16,996	4,446	12,550	19,141	4,304	14,837	10,889	5,099	5,790	2,827	1,434	704
1997	52,319	35,414	16,188	5,183	11,005	19,226	3,803	15,423	10,521	4,750	5,771	4,412	1,158	814
1998	53,805	37,522	17,422	5,524	11,898	20,100	4,292	15,808	10,535	4,845	5,690	3,793	1,203	752
1999	54,693	36,680	17,191	5,211	11,980	19,489	4,010	15,479	10,251	4,513	5,738	3,280	1,109	3,373
2000	54,697	35,780	17,252	4,955	12,297	18,528	3,740	14,788	10,707	4,450	6,257	3,237	1,007	3,966
2001	57,464	36,046	18,343	6,138	12,205	17,703	3,567	14,136	11,281	4,529	6,752	3,300	961	5,876
2002	57,555	35,499	18,272	6,065	12,207	17,227	3,359	13,868	11,569	4,688	6,881	5,789	843	3,855
2003	60,847	34,390	17,691	5,350	12,341	16,699	3,239	13,460	11,968	4,562	7,406	9,988	902	3,599

*Proceedings not dependent on prior action by lower court or administrative agency (e.g. writs of mandamus, motions to file successive habeas petitions). The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, enacted April 1996, requires prisoners to seek permission from courts of appeals for certain petitions. Data for these types of original proceedings were first reported on October 1, 1998.

(1) Total appeals filed have decreased only once since 1988 - in 1994 when total drug appeals dropped 13% - and are up 59% since 1988, driven mostly by the increase in prisoner and criminal appeals. The most recent increases resulted from large filings of immigration-related administrative agency appeals. In February 2002, the Attorney General ordered the Board of Immigration Appeals to clear its backlog of cases, stating that this action was required to help prevent terrorist attacks and enforce the nation's immigration laws.

(2) In 2001, rumors of a one-year deadline for filing petitions pursuant to *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (no such deadline actually existed) resulted in a large jump in motions to seek such petitions in the U.S. Courts of Appeals.

Source: Statistical Tables B-1 and B-7